

REMARKS

All claims were rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,173,210 ("Bjornson patent").

The Bjornson patent (issued January 9, 2001) was copending with the present application (filed August 22, 2000) and lists the present applicant as a co-inventor.

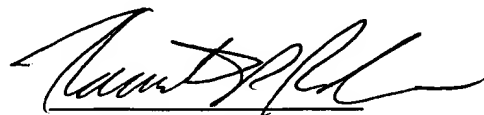
Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 132, a Declaration of the present applicant is enclosed. In it, the applicant declares that he is the sole inventor of this relevant subject matter of the Bjornson patent.

Entry and consideration of the enclosed Declaration, and removal of the Bjornson patent from consideration as an applicable reference are respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of claims 81-88 and 132-145, as amended, are requested. This application is considered to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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